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FOR ARA ACTING ASST. SEC. LUERS FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, VE
SUBJECT: VISIT OF AMPHIBIOUS WARFARE PRESENTATION
TEAM TO LATIN AMERICA

1. MY DAO HAS RECEIVED A LETTER FROM THE
EDUCATION CENTER, MARINE CORPS DEVELOPMENT AND
EDUCATION COMMAND, QUANTICO, STATING THAT A MARINE
CORPS AMPHIBIOUS WARFARE PRESENTATION TEAM IS
TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED TO TRAVEL TO SIX LATIN AMERICAN
COUNTRIES IN MAY TO LECTURE AND ILLUSTRATE AMPHIBIOUS
DOCTRINE, TACTICS AND TECHNIQUES. THE SIX COUNTRIES,
I UNDERSTAND, ARE MEXICO, COLOMBIA, VENEZUELA,
ECUADOR, ARGENTINA AND BRAZIL.

2. I HAVE TOLD THE DAO TO INFORM THE MARINE CORPS
THAT I DO NOT CONCUR IN SUCH A PRESENTATION HERE,
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AND IF IT IS NOT DONE HERE IT SHOULD CERTAINLY
NOT BE DONE IN COLOMBIA. WITH THE DIFERENDO
QUESTION (ITSELF A MARITIME BOUNDARY QUESTION) AT
THE DELICATE AND SENSITIVE STATE THAT IT IS ANY
EXTRANEIOUS FACTOR CAN AFFECT IT. THIS IS SIMPLY
NO TIME FOR THE US MILITARY TO BE COMING DOWN TALKING
ABOUT AMPHIBIOUS WARFARE TO EITHER COLOMBIA OR VENEZUELA.

IT IS SO SUBJECT TO MISINTERPRETATION, MISUNDERSTANDING,
OR EVEN TO BEING DELIBERATELY MISUSED BY SOMEONE WITH
MALICIOUS INTENT, THAT I THINK IT IMPRUDENT TO SCHEDULE.
AS STRAIGHTFORWARD, US-ORIENTED AND ANODYNE AS THE
BRIEFING MAY BE, I SEE NO REAL ADVANTAGE TO BE GAINED
BY IT THAT WOULD OFFSET THE RISKS INVOLVED.

3. I CALL THIS TO YOUR ATTENTION IN CASE YOU HAD NOT
HEARD ABOUT IT. YOU MAY WISH TO LOOK AT IT FROM THE
REGIONAL POINT OF VIEW (ECUADOR?), AND CONSIDER
WHETHER IT IS A GOOD IDEA ANYWHERE.
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